(OGL), which has no linkage with the indigenous production. There is no canalisation of imports of drugs through any agency and there is no system of pooled price.

[Translation]

Farmers Benefited Under Development of Agriculture

2072. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of farmers benefited under the programmes launched by the Government for the development of agricultural infrastructure for small and marginal farmers during 1996 and 1997 State-wise ;

(b) the nature of benefits accrued to the farmers under the said programme;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate any new programme for the development of agriculture during 1997-98 ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation had launched a scheme for development of infrastructure for small/marginal farmers during 1992-93 with an out lay of Rs. 475.22 crores. During 1992-93 and 1993-94, a total sum of Rs. 462.57 crores was released to the States/UTs. As per the reports from States/UTs. a total of about 114.48 lakh farmers were benefited details are attached in Statement-I. The types of infrastructural facilities created under the scheme, which benefited the farmers are indicated in the Statement-II.

(c) and (d) The scheme on development of agricultural infrastructure for small and marginal farmers is not proposed to be taken up during 1997-98. However, an annual outlay of Rs. 1519 crores has been made for the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for the year 1997-98 for undertaking plan schemes for the development of agriculture.

Statement-I

Number of small and marginal farmers benefited under the Scheme on Development of Infrastructure for the benefit of Small and Marginal Farmers

S. No.	Name of the State/U.T.	No. of farmers benefited (lakhs)
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	3.62
2.	Karnataka	11.81
3.	Kerala	2.96
4.	Tamil Nadu	1.24
5.	Gujarat	8.79
6.	Madhya Pradesh	0.21
7.	Maharashtra	0.20
8.	Rajasthan	0.52 + 110 societies
9.	Goa	0.12
10.	Haryana	1.00
11.	Punjab	0.20
12.	Uttar Pradesh	5.64
13.	Himachal Pradesh	0.58
14.	Jammu & Kashmir	0.00251
15.	Bihar	11.27
16.	Orissa	0.04
17.	West Bengal	60.62
18.	Assam	0.22
19.	Tripura	3.94
20.	Manipur	0.00840
21.	Meghalaya	0.14959
22.	Nagaland	0.12
23.	Sikkim	-
24.	Delhi	0.00191
25.	Pondicherry	1.22
26.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	0.00003
27.	Daman & Diu	-
	Total	114.48

Stetement-II

Under this Scheme following major infrastrctural facilities have been created in the country :

- Construction of seed godowns (Nos.) - 11
- Integrated Pest Management Laboratories (Nos.) - 19
- Fertilizer Laboratories (Nos.) - 4
- Biological Control Laboratories (Nos.) - 22
- Soil Laboratories (Nos.) - 132
- Construction of Fertilizer Warehouse (Nos.) - 2
- Small tractors, Mini-bulldozers, threshers, power tillers (Nos.) - 1957
- Seed Laboratories (Nos.) - 32
- Seed grading Units (Nos.) - 600
- Wells constructed/strengthened (Nos.) - 54282
- Pumpsets installed (Nos.) - 23338
- Deepening of canals (Kms.) - 1529
- Construction of retaining Wall (Kms.) - 370
- Sprinklers (Nos.) - 2863
- Construction of Farms (Nos.) - 4
- Fish Seed Stocking (Nos.) - 2
- Motorisation of fishing craft (Nos.) - 250
- Strengthening of outer bund (Km.) - 747

- Land development (Ha.)	-	4973
- Seed quality Unit (Nos.)	-	6
- Poultry Units (Nos.)	-	500000
- Pig Breeding Units (Nos.)	-	20000
- Qty. of Fertilizer subsidised (Tonnes)	-	419126
- Buffer Seed Stocking (Qtls.)	-	130000

[English]

Contract for Import of Wheat from Unites States

2073. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA :
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY :

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a delegation from United States visited India and impressed upon the Government for taking high-quality of wheat at a concessional rate from the US;

(b) if so, whether the Government have examined all the aspects including the quality of wheat ;

(c) if so, the total quantity of wheat so far contracted and at rates fined therefor ; and

(d) the extent to which this rate is lower in comparison to the other countries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A US Team had visited India in April, 1997. The purpose of the visit was to review the foodtrains production in India and explore possibilities of import of foodgrains from the USA and to discuss the quality, health and phytosanitary norms in India with reference to the US requirements on the subject. No specific trade/business negotiations were held with the team.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Foodgrains Supplied to J & K under PDS for Open Market

2074. SHRI CHAMAN LAL GUPTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Jammu and Kashmir Government has projected the demand of 8.88 lakh metric tonnes of foodgrains for the current year;

(b) whether the expert committee has aproved the guota of just 3.12 lakh metric tonnes ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(d) the various kinds of foodgrains supplied for Public Distribution and for open market to the state through various Channels and the quantity of foodgrains suplied by FCI and profit loos of FCI thus caused during each of the last three years ;

(e) whether the production of foodgrains has been gone up in the State during the last several years; and

(f) if so, the reasons for the heavy increase in the imports of foodgrains especially when there had been allegations that Indian foodgrains are finding their way to Pakistan occupied Kashmir and also ot Pakistan *via* J & K?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The monthly quotas of rice and wheat for Jammu & Kashmir as well as for other States/UTs have been fixed under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from June, 1997. The requirement of rice and wheat for population Below Poverty Line (BPL) has been worked out so as to provide 10 Kg. foodgrains per family per month. Transitory allocation for population Above Poverty Line (APL) is slso being made which has been fixed on the basis of 10 years average lifting minus BPL quotas.

(d) The details of wheat and rice allotted and supplied to Jammu & Kashmir Government under PDS during 1994-95, 1995-96 & 1996-97 as well as quantity sold under Open Sale are as under :

UNDER PDS

(Figs. in Lakh Mt)

Year	Wheat		Rice	
	Allot.	Lifting	Allot.	Lifting
1994-95	3.50	1.45	5.20	1.83
1995-96	3.60	1.31	5.28	2.83
1996-97	3.60	1.49 (P)	5.28	3.54 (P)

UNDER OPEN SALE

	Quantity sold	
	Wheat	Rice
1994-95	0.70	0.02
1995-96	0.69	Nil
1996-97	0.86 (P)	Nil

(P) Provisional.

The said quantities of foodgrains are issued by FCI on the prices fixed by Ministry of Food & Consumer Affairs. FCI by its preamble is a 'no profit no loss' organisation, hence, there is no question of any profit and loss earned by the Corporation on account of sale of foodgrains. Sales were made at subsidised rates as decided by Government of India